Pocket Reference for MS Canyon 252 Incident—Sector Mobile

Activities on Sensitive Lands

Many Divisions in Sector Mobile contain lands with conservation status, such as National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, and State Parks. These lands require special operational tactics.

Before you go into the field, check the Sensitive Lands map to see if you will be working in any of these areas. If yes:

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- Check in with the Sensitive Lands Branch 251-445-3009
- Get contact information for the lands you will be working in
 Check on vessel and access considerations
- If a Resource Advisor is required to supervise activities, make sure you have one on your team from the appropriate agency
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 If a Resource Advisor is not necessary, make sure you know
 any additional considerations required by that agency

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Protection of sensitive resources may affect types of vessels and/or access points that may be used. Check with Resource

Examples of special operational tactics considerations

Advisors for access points and travel routes. Federal and State wildlife personnel have authority over birds and marine mammals, sea turtles and endangered species, and other wildlife-related response decisions, including hazing.

There are restrictions for use of mechanized vehicles and equipment in designated wilderness areas. The Resource Advisor will know what alternate activities to use.

Work near archaeological sites may require accompaniment

by an archaeologist.